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1. [redacted] Accompanied John Warner, General Counsel, who testified before the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, from about 0935 hours to 1215 hours concerning the 1954 understanding with the Department of Justice and related matters. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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2. [redacted] Delivered to Charles Meissner, Staff Member, Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, an unclassified copy of "Non-Oil LDCs Able to Cover a Substantial Share of Higher Oil Costs Through OPEC Aid," provided by Walter McDonald, OER, which was used in briefing Meissner last Friday.

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3. [redacted] Accompanied [redacted] NIO/CH, [redacted] to a briefing of Senators Adlai Stevenson (D., Ill.) and Charles Percy (R., Ill.), and John Lewis, Consultant to Senator Stevenson, in connection with their upcoming trip to China. The briefing went very well.

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4. [redacted] Stanley Fike, Administrative Assistant to Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), called on behalf of an air ferrying service which is in contact with Air America concerning ferrying planes from Thailand to the United States. Fike wanted to know if Air America could pay its bills. After discussing this with [redacted] OGC, I called Fike and told him that they can. The concern of the ferrying company arose out of word from pilots in Southeast Asia that Air America is going out of business.

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5. [redacted] [redacted] OCI, and I briefed Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa) on Somalia. We left some [redacted] material with the Senator and provided him with maps of the African countries he is to visit. We were asked to postpone Thursday's and Friday's sessions until 4 August at 0900 hours because of the Senator's schedule.

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6. ([REDACTED]) At [REDACTED] request, called Frank Sullivan, Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, and asked him if he would please arrange a date and time with Senator Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) for his briefing on China. Sullivan said he would check and be back in touch.

Later, Mary, from Sullivan's office, called and said the Senator would like the briefing on Wednesday, 30 July, at 0915 hours, in the Senator's office.

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7. [REDACTED] At [REDACTED] request, called Julie Pineau, Personal Secretary to Representative Paul McCloskey, Jr. (R., Calif.), to see when the Congressman would be available to meet with Messrs. [REDACTED] NIO/SEA, on the Congressman's 6 June 1975 request to the Agency. Ms. Pineau said that the Congressman's schedule was very bad and that she would not be able to schedule the meeting until September, after the recess. She said she would call back then.

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8. [REDACTED] Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called and asked if the briefing of the Committee scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 25 July, could be changed to 2:00 p.m. Hogan was later advised that 2:00 would be fine.

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9. [REDACTED] Called Bill Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, to request that he retract the Agency's views on H.R. 1267. The Agency's report was erroneously sent last week without coordination with OMB. Hogan said he would pull our report from the bill file and alert the Clerk that it was not to be used in any way.

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10. [REDACTED] Called George Gilbert, OMB, to alert him that the Agency had erroneously sent its report on H.R. 1267 to the House Armed Services Committee without coordination with OMB. I told him we would retract the letter and send a copy to OMB as soon as possible. He agreed that this was necessary.

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11. [REDACTED] Received a call from Eileen Roach, NSC Staff. She asked if I had seen Representative Alan Steelman's (R., Texas) new bill putting forth the statutory classification system. I told her I had and we discussed the general outlook for such a proposal in light of the Murphy Commission recommendation that Congress draft a statutory system.

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25X1 21. [] Following up on [] call to him, I called Chuck Snodgrass, staff of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, early this morning to tell him that the Director could come before the Subcommittee at 10:00 this morning to brief them on the latest covert action approval if this could be worked into the Subcommittee schedule (they are now in mark-up on the DOD and Agency budgets). Snodgrass said he would have to take this up with Representative George H. Mahon (D., Tex.) and call me back. At about 9:15 he called and Chairman Mahon first called the Director and then me and asked that the Director be there at 10:00 a.m. While enroute to the Hill with the Director, I received a call from Ralph Preston, of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee staff, who was quite irate that we would attempt to interfere with the Subcommittee's mark-up session and he expressed his very strong displeasure. I offered to cancel the whole arrangement but Preston said that since the Chairman had agreed to it, we should come ahead. After we arrived at the Subcommittee hearing room, Chairman Mahon conferred privately with the Director and it was decided to scrub our CA briefing until a later date.

25X1 22. [] In the absence of George Berdes, House International Relations Committee staff, talked with Jack Sullivan, of the Subcommittee staff, and asked if he would tell Berdes there was a chance Mr. Duckett might have to cancel out this afternoon's briefing of the Subcommittee in view of a meeting that had been called at the White House. Sullivan said if the meeting does take place it will be at 3:00 instead of 2:00. I told him we would let them know definitely as soon as we could.

25X1 23. [] Called George Berdes, House International Relations Committee staff, at noontime and advised him that Mr. Duckett would have to cancel the briefing in view of the White House meeting. Arrangements were confirmed to have this briefing next Wednesday, 30 July, at 3:00 p.m.

25X1 24. [] In the absence of Mr. Cary, called Tom Wagner, in the office of Senator Adlai Stevenson (D., Ill.) and told him that if John Lewis, Consultant to Senator Stevenson, sits in on the briefing this afternoon, the briefers would have to limit the depth of the briefing since Lewis no longer retains a security clearance. Wagner said that Stevenson was most anxious to have Lewis present at the briefing since he would be accompanying the Senators on their trip to China, so I told him that we would work around the security clearance problem and that Lewis could be included.

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